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Heritage package available to churches

By William H. Perkins Jr.
Editor

Just in time for the observance of Independence Day on July 4, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) has put together a packet of patriotic materials that focus on America's national heritage and spirit, according to Steve Stone, MBCB associate executive director for church growth.

"Freedom is ours today because of the dreams, vision, courage, and leadership of men and women from the beginning of our nation's history until today. Our churches must continue to remind our communities, towns, and cities that we are still a nation under God. Without Him, we would not be the people we are," Stone said.

Don Lum, singles staff church consultant in the MBCB Sunday School Department, helped put together the package. "The United States of America was built on the thesis that we would be one nation under submission to God and His authority," he said.

"The rulers in ancient Rome displayed statues of themselves in public places. The statues reminded people that they were under Roman authority. We want to give a visual display to Mississippi Baptists to remind us that we are still a nation under God," Lum explained.

The One Nation Under God package consists of:

- Sermon briefs by MBCB Executive Director/Treasurer Jim Futral and Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission Executive Director/Treasurer Jimmy Porter.

Futral's sermon briefs are entitled, America the Beautiful (based on Deut. 4:5-10), and How Do We View America? (based on Matt. 23:37).

Porter's sermon briefs are entitled, Joseph—A Model Public Servant (based on Genesis 41:41-44), and One Nation Under God (based on Deut. 8:1, 19-20).

- Four Sunday School lessons, which can be reproduced.

- Recommended patriotic music.

- A sample of the pamphlet, Christian Citizenship, from the Southern Baptist

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) in Nashville.

- For Faith and Family Resource Guide from ERLC.

- 2004 Mississippi Legislative Guide.

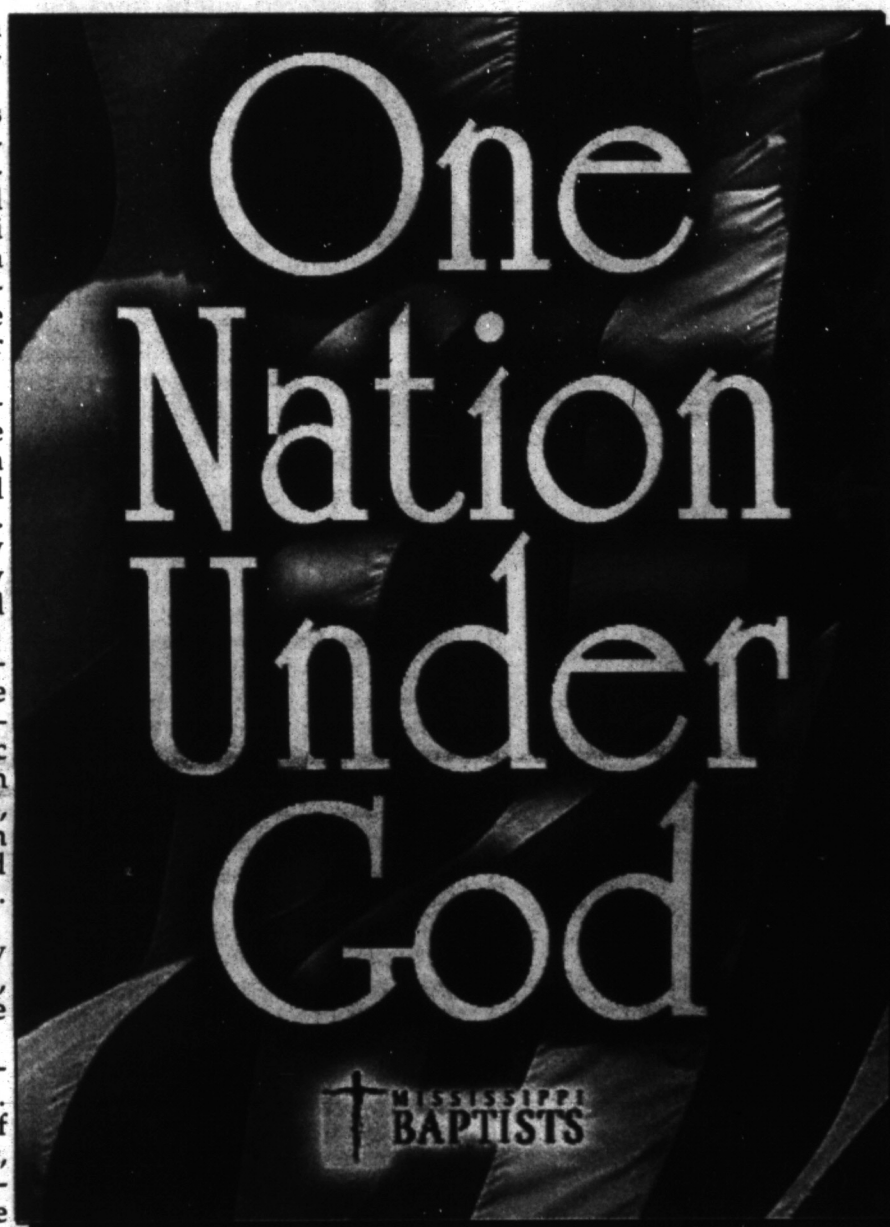
- A 46" x 72" full-color One Nation Under God banner, finished with hems and three-inch pockets on the 46" sides. The banner can be used inside or outside.

- Ten 11" x 17" bulletin board posters.

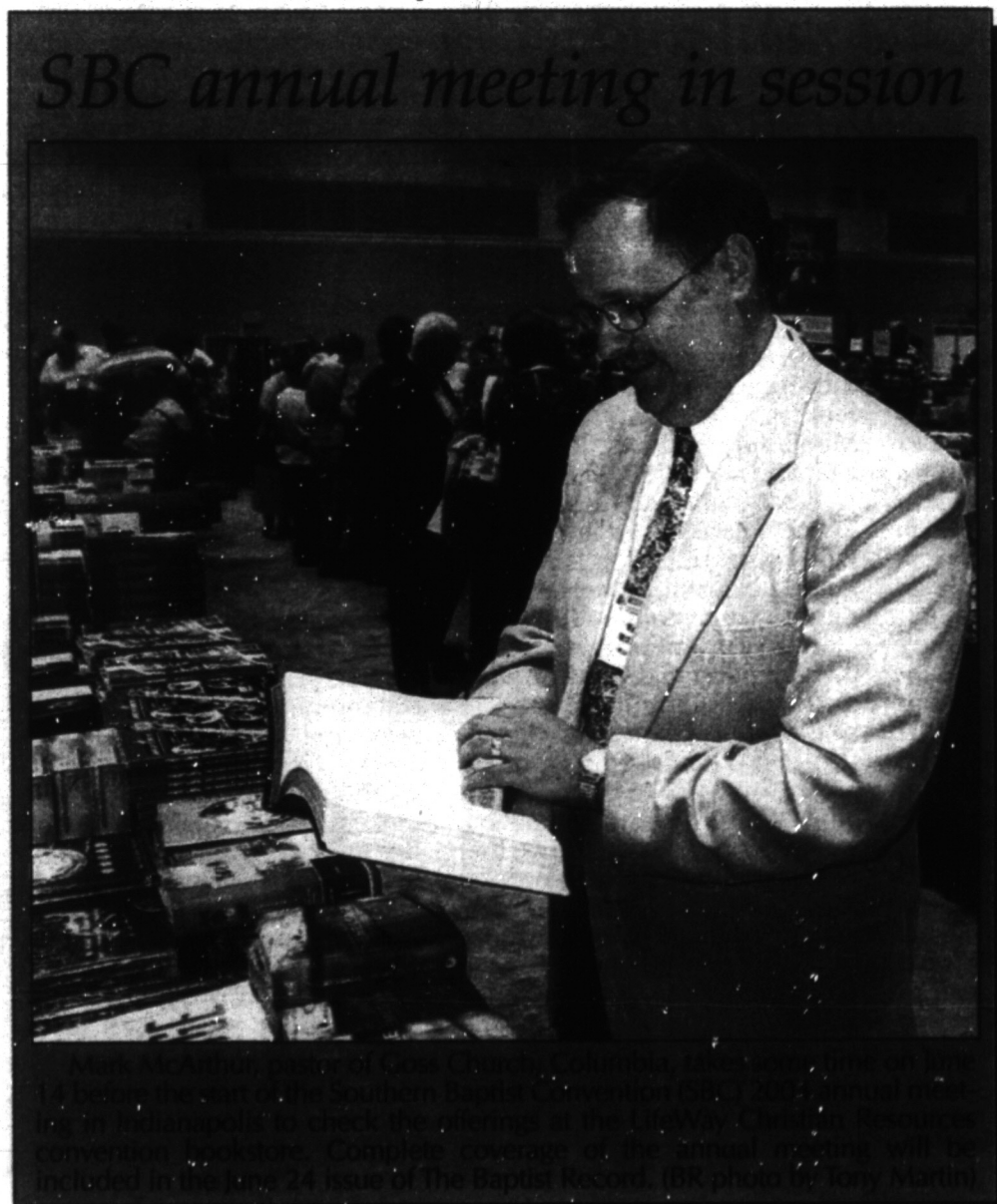
The package also contains samples of suggested promotional items and directions for downloading illustrative video clips from the MBCB Communications Department at the convention board's web site (www.mbc.org).

The package cost is \$100. The package is available through the MBCB Church Growth Division at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 292-3310 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 310. E-mail: sbell@mbcb.org.

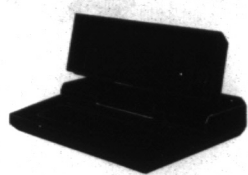
"As you order these materials, you may want to gather a group of people in your church who can dream about ways to have an impact on the community with this message. We are about to enter the home stretch of a presidential election. We are also in the grip of a war in which families throughout our state are being personally affected.



"Our prayer is that God will use this study to remind us of our heritage, and point us toward a promising future as we trust and follow Him together," he said.



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Political pandering proceeds apace

Regardless of our many political persuasions, most Americans would probably agree that the week-long farewell to former President Ronald Reagan after he lost his ten-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease was both tasteful and appropriate.

Hardly a grain of California soil had been shoveled into Reagan's grave, however, before the politicians were back at work trying to push their pet issues forward on the shoulders of the dead president. One of the most shameless efforts dealt with stem cell research.

"This issue is especially poignant given President Reagan's passing," said U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein of California. "Embryonic stem cell research might hold the key to a cure for Alzheimer's and other terrible diseases. This is why we must do everything in our power to support this research and give hope to millions of Americans today."

What the radical pro-abortionist conveniently left out her statement, however, is that her method of attaining stem cells means the littlest humans must be destroyed shortly after being conceived in order to provide those cells for research.

A layman's primer on stem cells is in order for the uninformed. Scientists discovered some years ago that embryonic stem cells are the basic building blocks of virtually every system developing inside a baby during gestation. Stems cells are naturally prompted by chemical signals to grow into liver cells, brain cells, bone cells, and just about every kind of cell needed by the developing human baby. The result is a complete person at the time of birth.

Stem cells have fascinated researchers for some time now, and scientists over the past few years have made great progress in understanding how to artificially manipulate stem

cells' chemical signals in a lab dish. They have begun the process of determining which signals produce which types of cells.

Proponents argue that a complete understanding of stem cells could someday lead to cures for diseases like multiple sclerosis, cancer, and degenerative brain ailments like Alzheimer's.

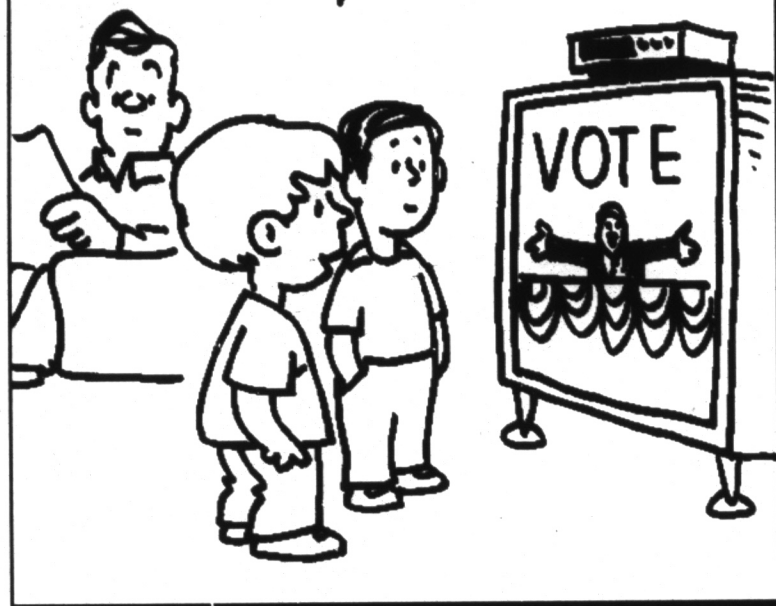
It appears stem cells do hold tremendous medical promise, but the issue facing all of humankind — literally — is whether we will decide to take the life of one human being in order to extract stem cells and save the life of another human being.

We don't have to make that choice, because scientists working on parallel tracks have found that stem cells are plentiful and located in places other than the developing human embryo. Placental and umbilical

blood is rich in stem cells, and even human skin contains a sufficient number of stem cells to harvest for research and experimentation.

The littlest humans don't have to die, and Feinstein's U.S. Senate colleague, Sam Brownback of Kansas, is striving to make just that point. "Science continues to prove that destructive embryonic stem cell research is unnecessary. This latest finding (that stems cells are abundant in places other than developing babies) is of enormous importance — it shows, once again, that we can find cures for the many diseases that plague humanity without destroying human embryos," he said.

"WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GOING TO BE EITHER A STRATEGIST OR ACTIVIST — I HAVEN'T DECIDED WHICH."



Certainly no one is advocating that we turn back the clock on medical research, which has enriched millions of lives. Certainly no one is arguing that the physical and emotional agony of a loved one's failing health should be prolonged. However, if another way can be found to accumulate sufficient stem cells without killing developing babies, we should be pursuing that path.

Can we bring about the end of so much human suffering without also compromising the sanctity of human life? Let us direct our time, talent, money, and — most important of all — prayers, toward the proper pursuit of that noble goal.

Marriage is to be a permanent relationship between one man and one woman, freely and totally committed to each other as companions for life," are words often used in wedding ceremonies — words which I never dreamed would be questioned. Today we are being told by homosexual activists, some politicians, and a few activist judges these words and views are hateful, discriminatory, and perhaps unbiblical.

The bedrock of society is the family unit. God defined this family unit when he said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24, NIV). For years proponents of same-sex marriage have been chipping away at "biblical" marriage. They have effectively marched across the cultural landscape, destroying traditional values with every step. "Will they ever stop?" is the question many are asking. No, they will not stop until same-sex marriage is sanctioned by every state, including Mississippi. That is, unless the American people rise up and stop them.

In the 2004 session of the Mississippi Legislature, our elected officials passed and Governor Haley Barbour signed a resolution giving us an opportunity to amend the Mississippi Constitution in the elections this

GUEST OPINION:



*One man and...
one man?*

By Jimmy Porter
Executive Director-Treasurer
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fall. The amendment reads: *This proposed constitutional amendment provides that marriage may take place and may be valid under the laws of this state only between a man and woman. The amendment also provides that a marriage in another state or foreign jurisdiction between persons of the same gender may not be recognized in this state and is void and unenforceable under the laws of this state.*

In support of this amendment, the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission (CAC) is asking Mississippi Baptists to do the following things. First, to commit ourselves and our churches to prayer concerning this cultural crisis. Secondly, to observe a Day of Prayer for Traditional Marriage in each Mississippi Baptist association on October 28. We will be asking our associational leaders to plan a rally at each courthouse in Mississippi at noon on that day.

Also, we urge pastors to address the subject on the following Sunday, October 31. Finally, Mississippi Baptists should register and vote on November 2.

Passage of this amendment to the Mississippi Constitution will help but not totally safeguard us from same-sex marriages. It is possible the United States Supreme Court, under the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the U.S. Constitution, could rule our Mississippi law unconstitutional and require us to honor same-sex marriages from other states where it is legalized.

Therefore, it is imperative that we also support the Federal Marriage Amendment (FMA) that is pending in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. This federal constitutional amendment will prohibit the redefinition of marriage by the courts or any action of a state legislature. It will preserve the definition of traditional marriage.

We must inundate the switchboards of Senators in Washington with phone calls, urging them to support FMA and insisting they use their influence to ensure American people the opportunity to ratify FMA.

Mississippi's Senators can be contacted at: Honorable Thad Cochran, 113 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510. Telephone: (202) 224-5054. E-mail: cochran.senate.gov/contact.htm; Honorable Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510. Telephone: (202) 224-6253. E-mail: senatorlott@lott.senate.gov.

Mississippi Congressman Chip Pickering, a co-sponsor of FMA, recently stated, "Marriage builds families, strengthens communities and reinforces our national unity. It is not white or black; it is not liberal or conservative; it is not Republican or Democrat. But by tradition and custom and law, marriage partners a man and a woman in love for their mutual edification."

You and I have the power to make a difference. Will we stop this attack on marriage by these homosexual activists and unelected activist judges? That depends on you and me, and now is the time to decide.

If CAC can provide further information, please call us at (601) 292-3329 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 329. E-mail: jporter@christianaction.com.

Americans support traditional marriage

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The same day that Massachusetts became the first state to legalize same-sex marriage, a new poll was released showing that two-thirds of Americans support the Federal Marriage Amendment that is now before the U.S. Senate.

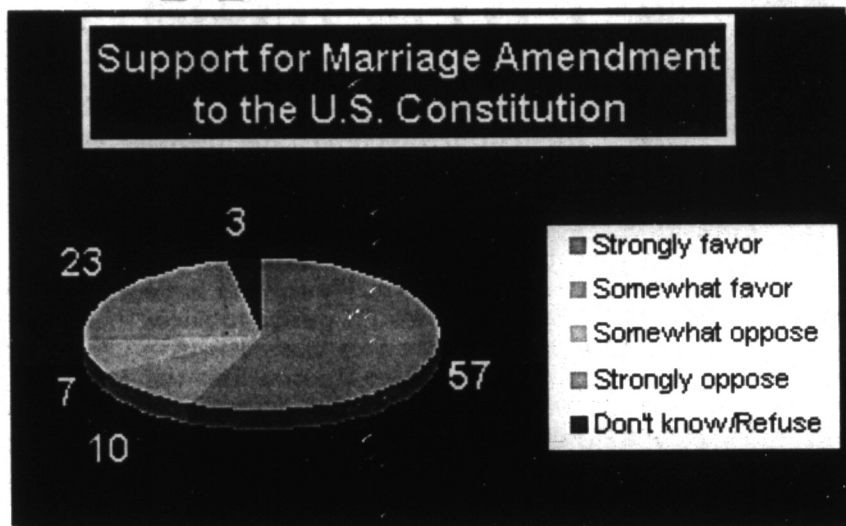
The poll, conducted by Wirthlin Worldwide for the Alliance for Marriage, found that 57% of Americans strongly favor and 10% somewhat favor the wording of an amendment that would protect the traditional definition of marriage, thus banning same-sex marriage. Combined, 67% of Americans support the amendment while 30% oppose (23% strongly oppose, seven percent somewhat oppose).

"The constitutional problem created by almost a decade of activist lawsuits to destroy our marriage laws demands a constitutional fix," Matt Daniels, president of the Alliance for Marriage (AFM), said in a statement. "AFM's marriage amendment has been introduced with bipartisan sponsorship in two successive sessions of Congress in order to protect the common sense view of marriage shared by the vast majority of Americans of every race, color, and creed."

The poll of 1,000 adults was conducted April 2-5. Among the poll's other findings:

- 79% of Republicans, 63% of independents and 56% of Democrats support the amendment.
- 66% of men and 66% of women favor the amendment.
- 67% of whites, blacks, and Hispanics support the amendment.

The poll question asked: "There has been some discussion, recently, about how marriage should be defined in the



U.S. I am going to read you the wording of a possible amendment to the U.S. Constitution and then ask you whether you would favor or oppose such an amendment. The amendment says, 'Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to require that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman.'

The amendments before the House and Senate differ slightly.

Meanwhile, the presidents of the six Southern Baptist seminaries issued a joint statement in May upholding marriage as the permanent union between one man and one woman as defined by God in the Bible. They called on all Southern Baptist churches to stand in defense of the institution of marriage.

Joining the presidents in affirming the statement, titled Let No Man Put Asunder, are the faculties of each institution, totaling more than 300 evangelical scholars. The presidents hope the statement will be a clarion call to the church

at large, and Southern Baptists in particular, to speak out against homosexual activists and others who want to rewrite the definition of marriage in the United States.

"Southern Baptists should begin now to educate themselves on the issue," said Chuck Kelley, president of New Orleans Seminary. "This is one of the major reasons why I think this resolution is a good thing."

In addition to Kelley, the statement was signed by R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., who drafted the statement; Daniel Akin, president of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C.; Jeff Iorg, president of Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.; Phil Roberts, president of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.; and Paige Patterson, president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

The presidents' statement comes as Massachusetts has begun issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples, following a controversial ruling by the state's high court late last year.

"This is a mammoth issue since the family is the fabric of all social order," Patterson said. "Furthermore, the judgment of God looms before a society that cannot retain clarity on the basic unit of relational life."

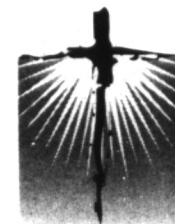
Akin, who has made marriage and family issues a focus of his personal ministry and a priority at Southeastern, agreed, calling the recognition of homosexual "marriage" and same-sex unions

a "watershed moment in Western civilization."

The statement asserts that marriage "is not a human contrivance. Indeed, it is part of God's perfect design for his human creatures. We affirm that marriage was designed for humanity by our Creator, who gave us marriage for the rightful ordering of human sexuality and relationships."

The presidents emphasized that their convictions regarding marriage are not based on bigotry or prejudice, as many activists and leftist politicians claim, but instead are based on the one unalterable standard of truth — the Bible.

"Sexual orientation has never been an issue of personal prejudice or discrimination," Roberts said. "It is not an issue that can be defined



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Mass. ruling appealed

BOSTON (BP) — A pro-family lawyer urged a federal appeals court June 7 to halt same-sex "marriages" in Massachusetts, arguing that the state high court overstepped its authority in issuing its controversial ruling. Liberty Counsel's Matthew Staver told the First Circuit Court of Appeals that the Massachusetts' high court, called the Supreme Judicial Court (SJC), had no authority to legalize same-sex "marriage" in the state. The ruling was issued last November and took effect May 17. "The SJC impermissibly amended the constitution's definition of marriage, which is universally recognized as the union of a man and a woman," Staver told the judges, according to Reuters. "It has violated the separation of powers." The lawsuit was filed on behalf of the vice president of the Catholic Action League and 11 state legislators. Liberty Counsel and three other pro-family groups argue that the ruling by the Massachusetts court violated both the state constitution and the U.S. Constitution. Staver asserts that Massachusetts' constitution gives authority over marriage laws only to the legislature and the governor. Because the legislature and the governor were not involved in the ruling, Staver argues, the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of a republican form of government (Article 4, Section 4) was violated. On May 14, the appeals court refused to issue an emergency stay preventing the ruling from taking effect, and the U.S. Supreme Court subsequently refused to get involved. The appeals court did, though, agree to hear oral arguments. The court gave no indication as to when it would rule. In addition to Massachusetts, same-sex "marriage" is legal only in Belgium, the Netherlands, and three Canadian provinces. For more information about the national debate over same-sex "marriage," visit <http://www.bpnews.net/samesexmarriage>.

Looking back

10 years ago

The committee seeking a new president for Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth has begun interviews with candidates, according to the search committee. Names mentioned include Richard Land, executive director of the SBC's Christian Life Commission, and Timothy George, dean of the Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham.

20 years ago

Foreign Mission Board missionaries Charles and Indy Whitten of Mississippi, in Kansas City to attend the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, crawl to safety through choking black smoke after the hotel in which they were staying catches fire.

50 years ago

Mississippi ranks fourth from the top among the 13 more populous states in percentage gain of mission gifts, 1953 over 1952, according to figures just released in the 1954 Southern Baptist Handbook. The gain of 6.3%.

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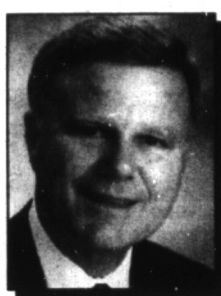
Due to postal regulations that limit The Baptist Record to 50 issues per year, the newspaper will not publish on July 1. The deadline for news items to be published in the July 8 issue will be July 1. The deadline for advertisements to be published in the July 8 issue will be June 24.

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A DREAM

Dreams are interesting experiences. Kids dream and even little babies who cannot speak a word have some kind of flashes through their minds while they are asleep. We dream in different ways and some dream more than others. Some folks just dream in black, white, and gray, and others dream in vivid color. Many people remember their dreams and others remember nothing.

Recently, I had what was an unusual dream for me. It was unusual because it was colorful and I remembered it. Not long after I woke up, it was like the events had happened just hours before. In the dream I was at a conference somewhere in a fellowship hall at a church. It was packed out with a large number of folks present. The lights were on and I could see folks all around. While many had light where they were seated at their tables, I was with a group of folks in a dim, dark place in the room. Right above us there were lights like spotlights. Maybe they had been placed there for special presentations or plays. When those lights were turned on, their beams of light would shine in such a way as to disturb and distract those who already had light.



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

The additional lights that were turned on got into some of the folks' eyes that already had light. The extra light did not bother all of them, but those who were bothered made so much fuss that the people in charge of the conference turned the lights off in the area where I was. I, along with a large group of folks, was seated in the dark. There I sat with all those other folks watching those who were in the light go about their business. Part of their business was to mumble, grumble, and make sure that we stayed in the dark so that they would not be disturbed.

In my dream, the person leading the conference said, "Friends, this is the picture of the church today. Many people have the light and they recognize that there are people in the dark. They refuse to allow the light to be disbursed and shared with others because it will create discomfort for them

and disrupt their comfort pattern. Those who have the light would prefer to sit in the light as they have it rather than be discomforted in order to share the light with others. Now, what can be done about this?"

At that point I woke up. I wanted to go back to sleep and ask the conference leader to proceed, but the dream was so profound that my mind would not relax to let me drift back off to sleep. In my waking hours, I continued to think about those folks in the light and those folks who sat in the dark. The people in the dark could have received the light except for the objection of the folks who already had the light.

I believe the Lord has shown me some truths, not through a dream but through His Word that He wants to share with us:

• Jesus is the **Light** of the world. He was, He is, and into eternity He will be the

Light that shines all over Heaven. He is the **Light**.

• If getting the **Light** to others disturbs you and me, maybe we should change our position in order to make sure that they get the **Light**. Maybe, rather than just keeping the lights off of those in the darkness, we ought to shift our position in order that they might be able to see. It could be that God would call us to have a change of time, dress, or cadence in our music. It could be that God would call us to go, to give, to share, or even to tolerate in order that others might have an opportunity to see.

• The third thought that came to me was that if you really live in the **Light**, you will want others to see also! Where in God's Word do you find that we are to experience discomfort so that others might see, hear, and have hope? You need only to look at the cross and see Jesus, who despising the shame endured the cross for us.

You would think that we would wake up, grow up, and do what it takes to allow the **Light** to shine for others even if it sometimes gets in our eyes.

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ERLC to oppose pending 'Safe Harbor' legislation

WASHINGTON (BP) — Legislation classified as a protection for the free-speech rights of churches not only is "woefully inadequate" but "dangerous," Southern Baptist church-state specialist Richard Land told Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert in a June 9 letter.

Land, president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) in Nashville, thanked Hastert for his attempt to protect the rights of churches but said the ERLC "must oppose" a provision titled Safe Harbor for Churches.

The measure, added to a tax reform/jobs creation bill, H.R. 4520, supposedly would protect pastors and other religious leaders regarding comments

they make as private citizens on political campaigns and "unintentional violations" of the Internal Revenue (IRS) tax code by churches and other religious bodies, as well as their leaders.

Financial penalties would be implemented when a religious group or leader intervenes in a political campaign, but the organization's tax-exempt status would not be threatened until there are more than three violations in a year.

The result of the legislation would not be a safe harbor but "an unacceptable intrusion of the IRS into the business of a church," Land told Hastert.

Pastors and other religious leaders already can comment on elections as private citizens,

so that part of the provision is "meaningless," Land said. "But what is worse, the paragraph actually prohibits a religious leader from expressing his personal opinion about a political campaign at 'an official function' of his church. Who will determine what serves as an 'official function'?"

The ERLC also opposes "the intrusion by the IRS into the church's life and business that would be required to determine whether or not an infraction was intended," Land said in the letter. "Intent is a difficult thing to prove, and we can imagine a church incurring considerable

expense in time and energy attempting to defend itself against an IRS determination."

The measure's provision for penalties against churches based on their "political activities" instead of their "political expenditures" is unacceptable as well, Land wrote, noting, "This change exposes churches to a much broader scrutiny and liability," he said.

Church-state separationist organizations harshly criticized the Safe Harbor measure, including the timing of its introduction shortly after an outreach through churches by President Bush's reelection campaign was revealed.



Land

Staff Changes

First Church of Glendale, Hattiesburg, has called **Jimmy Hill** as pastor effective June 1. Hill is a graduate of William Carey College and NOBTS. He comes from First Church, Lumberton. Other areas of service include Red Creek Union Church, Magnolia, and First Church, Myrick.

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For: (1) Father's Day; (2) Pray for the pastors in the Kamuli District of Uganda. There are few churches in this area due to the great trust that is placed in witch doctors and traditional religion. Pray that the pastors and leaders will stand firm in the Word of God.

For: (1) Adopt-an-Annuitant Sunday (APSA Emphasis); (2) Bryan McDonald is a church planter at Waters Edge Church at Endicott, N.Y. Pray that God will send Christians who would be willing to assist in planting churches. Pray for sensitivity to God's will so many will come to know Jesus personally.

For: (1) Independence Day; (2) Citizenship & Religious Liberty (CAC Emphasis); (3) Charles and Lee Hand are MSC missionaries working with their association in Iowa. Pray for efficiency with resources. Pray for neighbors to be receptive to the neighborhood Bible study.

For: (1) Summer Missions Camp for Boys, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 10 a.m., 21st-1 p.m., 25th (MM); (2) GA Camp, Camp Garaywa, 21st-25th (WMU); (3) Pray for Muslim young people who have grown up in the midst of conflict and who have little hope of living a normal life. Pray for them to encounter Christ.

For: (1) GA Camp, Camp Garaywa, 28th-July 2nd (WMU); (2) Summer Missions Camp for Boys, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 10 a.m., 28th-1 p.m., 2nd (MM); (3) Muslim fundamentalists are demanding an Islamic state in Iraq. Pray that God will establish His government and that it will allow freedom of religions.

Missionary Miriam Nunez asks for your prayers as she starts a new ministry with women in Lima, Peru. Professional families are very hard to reach because they have more money and they think they can take care of all of their families' needs without God. Pray that this ministry to women will help the family members see that they do need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

For: (1) VII Youth Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 22nd-26th (MBCB); (2) Flood relief efforts in the Dominican Republic, and IMB missionaries as they minister to hurting individuals and families in distress.

In a fishing village on Lake Wamala, Uganda, people gather weekly for Bible study. Many, including the pastor's wife, can't read, yet they have a new joy in studying the Bible. They leave the lessons with a pageful of notes in stick pictures. Pray that through these pictures they might come to understand God's love for them.

Some pastors and lay leaders in Venezuela, who often lack a clear understanding of their faith, are now being trained. Pray that Guajibo people in villages with these pastors and lay leaders will see a change in their hearts, hear God's voice, and come to a saving knowledge of Christ as Lord and Savior.

Members of Dedza Baptist Church in Malawi are still in the process of looking for a pastor. A vote was taken on a minister last month, but he was not called. Pray that they will not become discouraged in this process. Pray that God will send the right man for this church soon.

Missionary Glennda Cook of the Unbound Student Ministries-Taiwan Team asks for prayer for five volunteers that are working with Taiwan's Olympic Team from mid-May through early August. Pray that through these conversations, many opportunities will develop to share with athletes and coaches about Jesus' love.

A Haitian pastor took a second mortgage on his home to close on a church building for his congregation. Another Haitian church of about 2,000 has no paid staff and encourages members to find their place of service then equips them for their assignment. Pray for this pastor and these church members who are "denying themselves" to follow Jesus.

Russian-speaking people of UFA, Russia, are caught between new freedoms and the irresponsibility of alcoholism, between hopelessness and despair. And most tragically, they are caught between 70 years of atheism under Soviet Communism, and Sunni Hanafi Islam, and the Russian Orthodox Church. Pray for their salvation.

For: (1) HeartSong '04 Youth Music Camp, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 2 p.m., 1st-8:45 a.m., 5th (CM); (2) A gateway city team in Western Europe requests prayer for their continuing ministries. Pray that Christ will be revealed through their relationships with language students, teachers, neighbors and contacts.

Over 200 barrios of the urban poor are scattered throughout Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Please pray that the chains that hold so many bound to sin will be broken. Also pray that the men will receive Christ, and stand up to be leaders in their families and their neighborhoods.

For: (1) Lad/Dad Weekend, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 3 p.m., 18th-noon, 19th (MM); (2) VI Youth Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 18th-22nd (MBCB); (3) Thank God for the opportunities He gives you to plant seeds of the gospel in the hearts of those around you.

For: (1) Single Again Conference, Harrisburg BC, Tupelo, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (D&FM); (2) Phil Nelson works as the college evangelism strategist for the Illinois Baptist State Association. Pray as he speaks to unbelieving students. Pray for boldness and wisdom in responding to questions asked at these open forums.

For: (1) GA Mother/Daughter Overnight, Camp Garaywa, 5 p.m., 25th-2 p.m., 26th (WMU); (2) Three volunteer music teams will be working with Team Belgium in June and July. Pray that they will be able to perform free concerts in public sites and minister in refugee centers in three cities.

For: (1) Young Musicians Camp, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 2 p.m., 26th-8 a.m., 30th (CM); (2) Please pray today for President Jacques Gillot of Guadeloupe (island south-east of Puerto Rico), and President Francisco Flores Perez of El Salvador.

Dan Morgan recruits and trains church planters for deployment in North America as a Nehemiah Director at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. Pray that the number of students being prepared for church planting would increase to 60 in 2004.

After a group visited a hospital in India to give fresh fruits to the patients and share the Good News, some of the patients were healed. Now some of the patients are sharing with other patients on different wards what they have come to believe. Pray that they will do well in teaching others what they have learned.




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HOUSE TOPS

JUST FOR THE RECORD

Highland Church, Crystal Springs, will host VBS, Power Up with Jesus, June 21-25 from 6-9 p.m. Supper will be served nightly. Ages 3-6th grade are invited.

First Church, Lauderdale, will honor Jerry Bishop, pastor, and his wife Charlotte with a reception June 27 from 2-4 p.m. celebrating their 40 years of serving in the ministry.

Mt. Olive Church, Coila, will have a Fourth of July celebration June 27 beginning at 3 p.m. Singing groups, Proclamation and Promise, will perform.

The Senior Adults (pictured) at **Calvary Church, Pascagoula**, recently attended activities at First Church, Vancleave. Johnny Beaver is pastor.

West Corinth Church, Corinth, will hold VBS, Go Hog Wild, July 12-15 at 5:30 p.m. for preschool-6th grade. For more information, call (662) 286-6529.

Moorhead Church, Moorhead, will hold VBS June 21-25 from 6-8:30 p.m. Larry W. Haggard is pastor.

Mt. Gilead Church, Meridian, B.Y.W. Ladies (pictured) held a banquet for the senior adults May 1. Sisters Three, Kemper County, (pictured) provided music. Wallace Kerry, Kemper County, gave a speech.

Pictured are some of the 120 ringers who took part in the sec-

ond State Handbell Festival of the year held at Central Hills. Karl Zinsmeister was the inspirational conductor. Jerry Talley, the CMD Handbell Contract Consultant, was assisted by Leon

Bedsole, Martha Hart, Sheila Hess, Harold Smith, Michele Smith, and Barry Worrell in planning this event.

Ivan Parke, professor of Christian Studies at MC will be teaching on Reclaiming the Real Jesus during adult VBS at Raymond Road Church, Jackson, June 21-25 from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (601) 372-6154.

Tom Nettles, professor of Historical Theology at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will preach at Grace Church, Jackson, June 20 at 6:30 p.m. A fellowship will follow. Nettles, a Brandon native, is a graduate of MC and Southwest

Baptist Theological Seminary. For more information call (601) 922-4322. Thomas Winn is pastor.



Sisters Three

Youth Quake was held at Courtland Church, Courtland, May 9-12. The band, Seven (pictured), of First Church, Batesville, lead music. Paul Middleton of Calvary Church, Batesville, was the guest speaker. Charles Locke is pastor of Courtland Church.



Youth Quake, Courtland



2004 Mississippi State Handbell Festival

HOMEcomings & REVIVALS

Pleasant Grove, Gore Springs: Revival June 20-25; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Harvey Springer, Clarence Cooper, James Melton, Jeff Gilder, Tommy Tanner, and William McDaniel, speakers; Neil Gant, pastor; all are welcome.

Hamilton, Benton County: Revival June 20-23; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.

Salem, Carthage: Homecoming and Revival June 27-July 2; beginning at 7 p.m.; Glen Allen, Canton, preaching; Jerry Beckham, music.

Calvary, Silver Creek: Homecoming and Family Life Center Dedication June 27; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;

worship, 11 a.m.; lunch at noon; Duane Ivey and Rick West, leading service; John Price, pastor.



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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Church Leadership

1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17-18; Hebrews 13:7, 17-19

By Mo Baker

Some of the greatest observable differences between high and low ocean tides worldwide can be seen at the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia. Ships docking there during high tide have literally been stuck in the mud just hours later at low tide. Such extreme circumstances can dramatically convince ship captains that sea-faring vessels rise and fall on the ocean tides.

A similar phenomenon can be observed in Christian churches when it comes to leadership. As noted leadership authority John Maxwell has postulated, "Everything rises and falls on leadership" (Maxwell 1998, vii). Strong, healthy churches are impacted by secure, effective leaders. Conversely, churches that suffer significant internal problems are often poorly led bodies with results about as disappointing as the ship that

becomes dry-docked at low tide. Leadership expert Peter Drucker states, "A leader is one who has followers. An effective leader is not someone who is loved or admired. He is someone whose followers do the right thing" (Drucker 1997, 19). The relationship between church leaders and followers is the focus of this week's Bible study.

I. CHURCH LEADERS MUST BE QUALIFIED FOR THEIR TASKS (1 TIM. 3:1-7).

In writing to Timothy, pastor of the Ephesian church, Paul offered clear instructions regarding the credentials for church pastors ("bishops" or "overseers") everywhere. Four broad ideas summarize the qualifications Paul listed in this section of Scripture. First, a pastor is to demonstrate obedience to God in his outward behaviors and relationships (3:2-3). Positively, being "above reproach" (3:2) refers to the



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pastor's character as it is exhibited in his faithful marriage relationship, a self-controlled and balanced spirit, inner stability, kindness, and ability to teach spiritual truths. Negatively, Paul described being above reproach as abstaining from alcohol, refraining from bullying people to get one's own

way, avoiding contentious quarrels, and not being greedy. Second, a pastor is to be an effective leader for his own family (3:4-5). "Paul viewed leadership in the family as a proving ground for leadership in the church" (Lea 1992, 107). Third, a pastor needs experience in his Christian walk in order to keep from getting caught up in his own pride and conceit. Fourth, a pastor needs to be respected by those outside the Christian faith, since a lack of credibility can easily destroy a church's witness.

II. CHURCH LEADERS MUST BE SUPPORTED ADEQUATELY FOR THEIR WORK (1 TIM. 5:17-18).

Apparently Paul used the terms "elder" and "overseer" interchangeably, referring to those persons who serve in pas-

toral roles in the church. Paul viewed their service as so essential that he stated they were worthy of "double honor" (5:17), which probably implied the benefits of both respect and financial compensation. Moreover, Paul cited Scripture in supporting his position. Paul used the analogy of allowing a working ox to eat from some of the grain it was threshing (Deut. 25:4) to illustrate that a church should demonstrate proper concern for its pastoral staff who labor for the benefit of the congregation. How unfortunate when church members have just the opposite attitude, wanting to deny the ministerial staff the benefits of sufficient financial remuneration. Such a mindset is not only unfortunate, it's also unbiblical.

III. CHURCH MEMBERS SHOULD FOLLOW THE GODLY EXAMPLES OF THEIR LEADERS (HEB. 13:7).

The writer of Hebrews exhorted his readers to remember those persons who had led them spiritually in the past and emulate their service. Numerous persons were mentioned in Hebrews 11 who qualified as spiritual lead-

ers. The reference here seems to point to those who had led the readers during the past but had now completed their service. Their lifestyles were worth imitating. Is there any spiritual leader from your past whose example you should replicate?

IV. CHURCH MEMBERS SHOULD SUBMIT TO AND PRAY FOR THEIR LEADERS (HEB. 13:17-18).

Scripture commands a cooperative relationship between church members and their leaders, thereby making the leaders' tasks more joyful. Unnecessary expectations and unreasonable burdens placed on leaders frequently produce disastrous results for the church body. By remembering to pray for their leaders, church members actually assist them in exercising their ministerial service. Sincere prayer can yield a harvest of godly sincerity among those who lead.

The relationship between church leaders and church members will either carry your church higher or lower. Let's aim high!

Baker is BSU Director at the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Seek the Cure

2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-15a

By Mary Carraway

The events related in 2 Kings 5 are so remarkable that Jesus himself commented on them (Luke 4:27). There is Elisha, the prophet of the Lord, who ministers to a Gentile from an idolatrous enemy nation. There is a man who had it all and a slave girl who had nothing. And there is the hand of God providing cleaning, healing and wholeness.

LISTEN TO GOOD ADVICE (2 KINGS 5:1-3)

Naaman, commander of the army of Aram, was "a great man... highly regarded" and a "brave warrior," but he had a skin disease. This may not have been leprosy, but it was incurable, possibly progressive, maybe disfiguring, and certainly distressing to Naaman and his wife.

The next step in Naaman's fascinating story revolves around a nameless, captive maid who belonged to his wife. Brought against her will to live among idolators, she retained her faith in the living God of Israel and was unafraid to share her belief in Him. Showing no resentment over her captivity, she suggested to her mistress that Naaman go to the prophet in Samaria to be cured.

Though surely a man of pride, Naaman was desperate and glimpsed a ray of hope in the girl's words. He made arrangements to travel to Samaria, the capital of Israel. He did not know that the God of Israel he was about to meet had long had an interest in him. Israel and Aram (Syria) to the north had long been enemies. Through Naaman, the



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Lord had given great military victory over Israel to Aram.

Naaman could not travel to a hostile country without royal permission. The king so highly regarded his general that he was willing to risk a political situation in order to help him. Believing that the king of

Israel employed the prophet, he wrote Joram a letter requesting that he cure Naaman of his disease. Poor Joram! He could only think that the king of Aram was trying to pick a quarrel with him. It caused an immediate national crisis in Israel's capital. When Elisha learned of the situation, he sent word to the king to send the visitor to him so that he will know "that there is a prophet in Israel." (Apparently Joram was ignorant of this fact.)

FOLLOW THROUGH WITH FAITH (2 KINGS 5:9-14)

Naaman arrived at Elisha's door with horses and chariots, a full entourage, and impressive gifts. Elisha didn't even greet

him! He sent a servant instead with a simple prescription: "Go wash seven times in the Jordan ... and you will be clean." Not once, but seven times! Elisha treated him this way most likely to test the visitor's faith. Naaman must learn that the God of Israel was not swayed by rank, riches, or gifts but by obedience.

Naaman was insulted and very angry. He had expected to be treated as his rank demanded. He had expected Elisha to appear and in some dramatic manner call on the name of his God and pronounce an immediate cure. He resented being told to wash in the muddy water of the Jordan, which he considered inferior to the cleaner rivers of his homeland. He left Elisha's home "in a rage."

Obviously Naaman was a man who inspired great loyalty among his subordinates. His servants, like the slave girl, were not afraid to confront his pride with common sense. Had the prophet required some great thing, would Naaman not have done it?

Naaman realized the wisdom in this. Humbled and somewhat

ashamed, he obeyed the word of the Lord. He dipped himself seven times in the Jordan and his skin was restored, even better than before. The efficacy of the healing lay not in the waters, but in his obedience.

WORSHIP GOD ONLY (2 KINGS 5:15a)

More than physical healing occurred that day. Naaman came up out of the Jordan with a cleansed soul. He accepted the God of Israel as the only God, confessing his faith and trust in Him alone. It is very significant that while Naaman, a Gentile enemy of Israel, professed faith in the God of Israel, the nation of Israel was turning away from God and heading for destruction.

The truth of this lesson is that the disease of sin and loss is infinitely worse than leprosy. The cure cannot be bought. It cannot be earned. Wealth and prestige cannot provide it. The only cure is obedience and faith in God.

Carraway is member of First Church, Wiggins.

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Baptists respond quickly to flooding crisis

MONTE CRISTI, Dominican Republic (BP) — God is at work in the aftermath of the worst flooding ever to strike the Caribbean island nations of the Dominican Republic and Haiti, creating opportunities to minister to communities that lost thousands of residents in late May.

"Storms dropped as much as 10 inches of rain in one hour, sweeping away crops and livestock, even entire families and villages," said Southern Baptist missionary Donny Barger, leader of a team that took relief supplies into flood-ravaged towns in the Dominican Republic.

"In the southern border city of Jimani, about half the town was washed away. Where there once were neighborhoods, now there are just mounds of sand," Barger said. "The latest estimate is that more than 1,000 people were killed. I have yet to speak to anyone here who has not lost family members."

At least 3,300 people were dead or missing and thousands more homeless in the Dominican Republic and Haiti after what one official described as the worst natural disaster in Caribbean history.

Barger and missionary colleagues Adam Hammond and Fernando Abella were able to respond quickly to the disaster with food, clothing, and supplies provided by \$5,000 in Southern Baptist hunger and relief funds.

They saw God's hand at work right away in Jimani. The governor's office sent Barger to a branch of the reserve bank, where Barger was allowed to connect a water purification system to the bank's well. When a bank official arrived and learned Barger needed plastic pipe and a 250-gallon water tank, he ordered up the pipe and two 500-gallon tanks. The governor brought in a truck to transport the purified water throughout the town.

Those timely provisions got the purifier online quickly to meet a critical need in the community, Barger said. "Here we are in an unknown community with no contacts, and God provided everything we needed and more," he said. "He did this at just the right time. What a mighty God we serve!"

Two Dominican Baptist believers saw God's power as they distributed sacks of food to villages throughout the area. Each bag contained enough food to supply an entire family for at least a week but with so many people in need, one of



BAPTISTS TO THE RESCUE — Southern Baptist missionaries (off-camera) and a team of Dominicans use horses to pack in food and supplies to 135 families isolated by severe flooding in late May in the Dominican Republic. (BP photo by Donny Barger)

the Dominicans was concerned that they didn't have enough sacks to help everyone they would meet, missionary John Randolph recounted.

"When we left Los Peynados, we had 50 sacks," Randolph said, "and even though we kept giving out sacks along the way back, every time we stopped and counted we still had 50 sacks."

"The Dominican worker said he started to become afraid because he didn't know what to do with so many sacks that just wouldn't go away!"

Working as a missionary in a hands-on relief effort gave Randolph a different perspective on the offerings he promoted when he was a pastor in Nevada and Washington. "For years, I led the churches I pastored to give to the World Hunger Fund,"

Randolph said. "While meaningful, it was remote. Now I was experiencing firsthand how God is glorified by the sacrificial giving of Southern Baptists. When I saw the first sack come off the truck into the hands of a hungry family, a jolt of joy and praise surged through my heart. I was overwhelmed that God had allowed me the privilege of being part of what He was doing."

As major relief operations by the government and humanitarian agencies were being organized, the missionaries turned their attention to the grief that survivors were suffering. Steve Lyon, a missionary who is a professional counselor, came in to train pastors, public school teachers and other missionaries in techniques to help people work through their trauma.

"I am praying that the Lord can use this effort to minister to victims and to start future home Bible studies," Barger added.

"Southern Baptist workers and their Dominican partners have other prayer concerns on their hearts as well," said Barger's wife Jennifer.

"Prayer is fundamental to anything we do here," she said. "Please remember the children who have lost their parents in this flood. Pray that doors will be opened for the Gospel through our efforts with the people of the southwest Dominican Republic. Pray that God will be glorified."

Outreach in the Dominican Republic: <http://www.pray4dr.com>

World Hunger Ministries: <http://www.imb.org/worldhunger>

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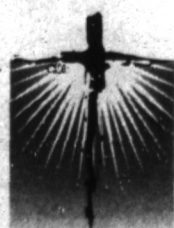
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